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For:

Method and Apparatus for

Attorney Docket No.: 9933-003-999

Constructing a Networking

Database and System

Petition for Correction of Filing Date Under 37 C.F.R. §1.10

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have recently become aware, through receipt of our Return Receipt Postcard, that the PTO has accorded, or will accord, a filing date other than the USPS deposit date. Enclosed please find a copy of the Return Receipt Postcard for filing (1) Revocation and Power of Attorney; (2) Petition to Extend Time; (3) Fee Calculation; (4) an Amendment; (5) a Substitute Specification; (6) Redlined Specification; (7) Microfiche Appendix; and (8) Transmittal Letter; in the above-identified application. Please note that the "DATE MAILED" indicates April 30, 1999 and the PTO receipt stamp improperly indicates May 1, 1999. The postcard indicates Express Mail No. EM 061 019 685 US. Applicants submit the attached Declaration in support of a corrected filing date of April 30, 1999 for documents filed under Express Mail No. EM 061 019 685 US.

Applicants request a corrected filing date of April 30, 1999 be granted in the above application. It is believed that no fee is required for requesting this correction. However, if a

fee is required, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP's Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

June 17, 1999

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## Declaration of Josephine B. Hardy

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Josephine B. Hardy, declare and state:

- I am an employee of Pennie & Edmonds LLP and secretary to Francis E.
   Morris, attorney of record in the above-identified patent application;
- 2. I have been employed by Pennie & Edmonds for over nine years and have assisted in the preparation and filing of various patent prosecution documents in an accurate and timely fashion during that time;
- 2. I personally filed the following documents by Express Mail on April 30, 1999:
  - (1) Revocation and Power of Attorney
  - (2) Petition to Extend Time;
  - (3) Fee Calculation;
  - (4) Amendment;
  - (5) Substitute Specification;
  - (6) Redlined Specification;
  - (7) Microfiche Appendix; and
  - (8) Transmittal Letter;
- 3. After Mr. Morris prepared the documents on April 30, 1999, I obtained postage from Pennie & Edmonds' mail room, affixed the postage to the

package containing the above-identified documents, and carried the package to the United States Post Office at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Eighth Avenue, New York, NY;

- I deposited the package with postage in the Post Office at approximately 8:30 p.m. on the evening of April 30, 1999 under Express Mail No. EM 061 021 019 US with the appropriate USPS employee who indicated that the Express Mail receipt would be mailed to Pennie & Edmonds LLP;
- 4. We have not yet received the Express Mail Receipt as of the date of this Declaration and attached Petition for Correction of Filing Date.

I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that I make these statements with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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